

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q87174

Hiroshi MATSUI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1795

Confirmation No.: 5691

Examiner: Golam MOWLA

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For: ELECTRODE SUBSTRATE, PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION ELEMENT,  
CONDUCTIVE GLASS SUBSTRATE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR,  
AND PIGMENT SENSITIZING SOLAR CELL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. WO 96/29715 A1, published September 26, 1996;
2. WO 00/48212 A1, published August 17, 2000, was previously cited in an IDS filed March 31, 2005;

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a corresponding European Search Report dated July 14, 2009.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) is attached.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

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